

Self-Taught Lehi Artist Uses Wood For Canvas

By DIANE SPEER
Lehi Correspondent

LEHI — One of Lehi's own artists has made a name for himself.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers has commissioned Neldon Bullock to do an 8 foot by 6½ foot marquetry piece depicting the pioneers crossing the plains, Brigham Young, colonization in the west, and the Mormon Battalion, to hang in the main entrance of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. It will take approximately 11 months to complete.

Bullock has done commissioned pieces for Brigham Young University, the Kimball Arts Center in Park City and Billy's Country Emporium in Evanston, Wyo. His portrait of Gov. Scott Matheson and his wife, Norma, received media recognition two years ago.

A self-taught artist, he started making furniture while a student under the direction of Horace Walker at Lehi High School. He also studied under Ed Nolten at Utah Technical College in Provo. He helped with the rebuilding of the Logan Temple and did some of the restoration of the interior woodwork.

Creating one of his portraits is an incredibly detailed undertaking, but Bullock doesn't seem to consider it work. He works in his basement where he has stockpiled 100 different types of wood cut in thin sheets like the veneer for fine furniture.

He gathers wood for his art from throughout the world. One picture may contain several dozen wood types. For example, the seal of Utah contained such types as walnut feather crotch, birch, Andean rosewood, mahogany, French

olive ash, holly and cherry.

"All of my works are made with completely natural wood so that the color you see is the exact color of the wood when it was cut. When I'm finished with all of the inlay work, I just rub the surface with oil and spray the top with a clear finish to protect the wood," Bullock said.

He added, "These portraits will last forever, and the color is permanent. They're just like a piece of furniture, if they're taken care of. They can be passed down through generations."

Although his work is exacting, time-consuming and expensive, Bullock maintains that he much prefers marquetry to the construction trade he was trained for. He's been at it since 1971 but only since 1982 has he been able to go full-time with his "hobby."

Many people thought originally that Bullock had created



Neldon Bullock uses wood to create his art works.

a beautiful new art form but he set the record straight by explaining that marquetry is an ancient art form. It's older

than oil painting but usually done in geometrical designs, and in furniture, not portraits.

Each one he does is a single

edition, because "I couldn't do two portraits in wood and have them come out exactly alike. That's the nature of wood."

Library Backers Push Forward With Approval

By NANCY BRINGHURST
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Book lovers everywhere should be excited about Provo City's plans to build a new library, said Marvin Wiggins, vice-chairman of the city's Library Board.

"Libraries provide entertainment, source materials, relaxation, whatever the community desires," Wiggins said Friday at a membership meeting of the Friends of the Provo Public Library.

Recently, after much deliberation and study, the city council voted to locate the new library on city land just west of the city center. A decision, said Wiggins, that was proper and will benefit the community.

"I appreciate the Mayor, his administration and the council for its hard work," said Wiggins. "The Library Planning Committee's task now is to develop a site

After those needs are gathered, they will be prioritized, a site plan will be developed, a price tag set and bids will be let out, he said.

"The city doesn't have a magic purse," said Wiggins, who reminded the audience a previous study showed residents would probably donate up to \$1.5 million for a new library.

"We think that amount can be raised," he said. "However, citizens can donate more than money, they can donate their time and talent."

A library is the life blood of the community, said Wiggins.

"Much is still in the realm of vision for our new library, but the general direction is there," he said.

The Provo City Library offers more than just books, states a brochure. Among the specialites available are; a childrens story hour, family movies, summer

Payson Accepting Grant Loan Signups

By GRETHE POWELL
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PAYSON — The Payson City Council announced it is accepting applications for loans issued from a Community Block Grant the city received earlier this year. The council formed a volunteer loan advisory board when they

were informed they were awarded the grant. Local bankers, business persons and private individuals served on the committee.

The Loan Advisory Board recommended the following general provisions and they were adopted by the city council. They are: 1) the interest rate for loans will be

fixed at 8 percent, 2) Terms of the loan will be for a maximum 10 year amortization, with a three year call up, 3) Principles must provide 15 percent to 20 percent equity before being considered for a loan, 4) At least one job should be created for every \$10,000 of funds loaned, and 5) Loan must meet guidelines of the Commu-

nity Development Block Grant.

Also at a recent council meeting, the city council approved a grievance procedure for those who wish to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of handicap on the part of the city's employment practices, policies, programs, services or benefits.

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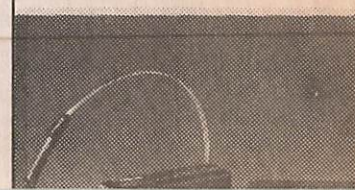
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